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SUBJ: PALESTINIAN ATTITUDES: VIEWS OF MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR

1. MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR DRISS BENNOUNA PAID FAREWELL CALL
FEBRUARY 21. HE IS RETURNING TO RABAT TO BE SECRETARY OF
ROYAL ACADEMY WHICH HE SAID IS MODELED ON ACADEMIE FRANCAISE.
BENNOUNA SAID KING HAD PICKED HIM BECAUSE OF HIS LONG
ASSOCIATION WITH PALACE. BENNOUNA CLAIMS TO HAVE GOOD
CONNECTIONS WITH PALESTINIANS LOCALLY AND THERE SEEMS TO
BE SOME SUBSTANCE TO THIS. I REPORT THE FOLLOWING AS OF
POSSIBLE INTEREST.

2. BENNOUNA SAID HE FOUND PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP VERY MODERATE
AND MUCH INTERESTED IN DETENTE WITH JORDAN. HE HAD DISCUSSED
WITH THEM THEIR VIEWS ON WEST BANK STATE OR ENTITY AND THEY HAD
SAID THEY WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ENTITY WITH CLOSE ECONOMIC
AND POLITICAL TIES WITH JORDAN AS WELL AS WITH ISRAEL PROVIDED
IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT AT SOME POINT THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED
FREEDOM TO EXPRESS THEIR POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS. FOR ALL
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HE KNEW, THEY MIGHT ELECT TO HAVE A FEDERAL UNION WITH ISRAEL.
I ASKED IF THEY WOULD ACCEPT FEDERAL ARRANGEMENT WITH JORDAN
AND HE SAID THEY WOULD AS A FIRST STAGE BUT WOULD WANT TO
HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THEIR FUTURE AT SOME POINT.

3. BENNOUNA SAID SOVIETS HAD TOLD PLO THAT IF LATTER WOULD
GIVE THEM LETTER FORMALLY ACCEPTING ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST,

242 AND ALL THE REST, SOVIETS COULD GUARANTEE TO GET THEM
INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE IN RETURN. PALESTINIANS
HAD BEEN TEMPTED BUT HAD FINALLY TURNED IT DOWN BECAUSE
THEY DID NOT TRUST SOVIETS.
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